

**Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks**

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**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST**

Fur Farm, Game Bird Farm, Zoo/Menagerie, Shooting Preserve

**PART 1. PROPOSED ACTION DESCRIPTION**

Project Title: Dunster Wild Animal Menagerie

Application Date: October 19, 2002

Home Address and Phone Number: Kim Dunster

704 Miles Avenue

Billings MT 59101 256-1371 698-7928

Project Location: 720 Bender Road, Billings MT 59101

Thornton Subdivision, Lot 1 , Block 2

Description of Project:

Establishment of wild animal menagerie on private land in Yellowstone County. Applicant will build an enclosure to hold one black bear on his property located at 720 Bender Road. The black bear will be transferred from a menagerie in Big Timber.

Other groups or agencies contacted or which may have overlapping jurisdiction:

None

## **PART 2. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

**Table 1. Potential impact on physical environment.**

Will the proposed action result in potential impacts to:	Unknown	Potentially Significant	Minor	None	Can Be Mitigated	Comments Below Or On Attached Pages
1. Unique, endangered, fragile, or limited environmental resources				X		
2. Terrestrial or aquatic life and/or habitats				X		
3. Introduction of new species into an area				X		
4. Vegetation cover, quantity & quality				X		
5. Water quality, quantity & distribution (surface or groundwater)				X		
6. Existing water right or reservation				X		
7. Geology & soil quality, stability & moisture				X		
8. Air quality or objectionable odors				X		
9. Historical & archaeological sites				X		
10. Demands on environmental resources of land, water, air & energy				X		
11. Aesthetics				X		

### **Comments**

(A description of potentially significant, or unknown, impacts and potential alternatives for mitigation must be provided.)

**Table 2. Potential impacts on human environment.**

Will the proposed action result in potential impacts to:	Unknown	Potentially Significant	Minor	None	Can Be Mitigated	Comments Below Or On Attached Pages
1. Social structures and cultural diversity				X		
2. Changes in existing public benefits provided by wildlife populations and/or habitat				X		
3. Local and state tax base and tax revenue				X		
4. Agricultural production				X		
5. Human health				X		
6. Quantity & distribution of community & personal income				X		
7. Access to & quality of recreational activities				X		
8. Locally adopted environmental plans & goals (ordinances)				X		
9. Distribution & density of population and housing				X		
10. Demands for government services				X		
11. Industrial and/or commercial activity				X		

**Comments**

(A description of potentially significant, or unknown, impacts and potential alternatives for mitigation must be provided as comments.)

Does the proposed action involve potential risks or adverse effects which are uncertain but extremely harmful if they were to occur?

No

Does the proposed action have impacts that are individually minor, but cumulatively significant or potentially significant?

No

Description and analysis of reasonable alternatives (including the no action alternative) to the proposed action when alternatives are reasonably available and prudent to consider. Include a discussion of how the alternatives would be implemented:

No action alternative: Land use would remain the same (Rural Residential). No additional demands would be placed on state government for licensing and inspection.

List proposed mitigative measures for license:

Holding facilities must comply with A.R.M. Rule 12.6.1532.

Individuals or groups contributing to, or commenting on, this EA:

EA prepared by: Warden Bryan Golie

Date Completed: October 21, 2002

### **PART 3. DECISION**

Recommendation and justification concerning preparation of EIS:

Describe public involvement, if any: Notification letters were sent to adjacent landowners. The draft EA was placed on the FWP website at [fwp.state.mt.us](http://fwp.state.mt.us) from November 13, 2002 until November 20, 2002. Comments may be sent to Warden Bryan Golie at [bgolie@state.mt.us](mailto:bgolie@state.mt.us) or mailed to Warden Golie at 2300 Lake Elmo Drive, Billings, Mt. 59105.

Recommendation for license approval:

Wildlife Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Warden Captain \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_